

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/16/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 05/13/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1. A proposed amendment was approved by applicants for entry as an Examiner's amendment to place the application in condition for allowance.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention as claimed. The claims 1, 10, and 19 specially include limitation based upon allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of a habitat, which has markers utilized for identifying information selected by the user, based on an access privilege set by a user, and allowing the habitat to send a request to another habitat for desired information and access the another habitat for retrieving the requested information from the another habitat, the another habit sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat, wherein habitat is a personalized information management system that gathers, stores, and displays information of user interest (as defined in the specification in page 27 line 10 - page 28 line 16). While system and method for creating a customized page/portal is firmly documented by cited prior art, the allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of a habitat, which has markers utilized for identifying information selected by the user, based on an access privilege set by a user, and allowing the habitat to send a request to another habitat for desired information and access the another habitat for retrieving the requested information from the another habitat, the another habit sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat, wherein habitat is a personalized

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information management system that gathers, stores, and displays information of user interest limitations are novel, and the invention is patentable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin J. Zilka (Registration No. 41,429) on May 8, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title of the invention is changed to: **"Method and Computer Program Product for Customized Information Management by Allowing a First Habitat to Access Other Habitats to Retrieve Information From the Other Habitats"**.

The claims have amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for network-based information management, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;
 - (b) retrieving the information associated with the markers;
 - (c) displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;
 - (d) allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat based on an access privilege set by the user; and
 - (e) allowing the first habitat to send a request to a second habitat for desired information and access the second habitat for retrieving the requested information from the second habitat, the second habitat sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat,

wherein the first and second habitats each includes a personalized information management system that gathers, stores, and displays information of user interest.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied on a computer readable storage medium for network-based information management, comprising:
 - a) computer code for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;

(b) computer code for retrieving the information associated with the markers;

(c) computer code for displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;

(d) computer code for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat based on an access privilege set by the user; and

(e) computer code for allowing the first habitat to send a request to a second habitat for desired information and access the second habitat for retrieving the requested information from the second habitat, the second habitat sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat,

wherein the first and second habitats each includes a personalized information management system that gathers, stores, and displays information of user interest.

19. (Currently Amended) A system embodied on a computer readable storage medium for network-based information management, comprising:

(a) logic for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information selected by a user;

(b) logic for retrieving the information associated with the markers;

(c) logic for displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat utilizing a network;

(d) logic for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat based on an access privilege set by the user; and

(e) logic for allowing the first habitat to send a request to several habitats for desired information and access one or more of the habitats responding to the request for retrieving the requested information from the habitat responding to the request, the habitat responding to the request sending information matching the request directly to the first habitat;

(f) wherein a user viewing the first habitat is provided with the ability to jump directly to a second habitat for viewing information in the second habitat, and the first and second habitats each includes a personalized information management system that gathers, stores, and displays information of user interest.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oanh Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9:30AM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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